



FINLEY PROTESTS NYTHA ELECTION

Terry Finley, who was defeated 625-611 by incumbent Rick Violette, Jr. in the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association President election last week, has sent a letter to NYTHA Secretary/Treasurer Jim Gallagher formally protesting the results. "This protest is based on numerous violations of the Bylaws of the NYTHA as they relate to



Terry Finley
Horsephotos

fair elections and improper actions taken by officer and staff of NYTHA which compromised the election's fairness and denied many members the right to vote," Finley stated in the letter, dated Dec. 8. The President of West Point Thoroughbreds contends that Gallagher failed to "maintain on a current basis the Association's membership roster" as outlined in the group's bylaws, which led to more than 1,000 eligible NYTHA members being denied the right to vote by either never receiving ballots or receiving ballots late. "By limiting the number of ballots sent

to members whose political leanings were unknown, or failing/delaying to send ballots to members through to be favorable to me, the incumbent administration was able to maximize the weight of each 'pro-Violette' vote, thus fabricating his razor-thin majority," Finley said. "A large number of ballots were returned (listed as undeliverable) to the law firm who received and counted the ballots." Finley's letter also alleges unethical and unprofessional practices by NTHA legal counsel and Election Committee member Alan Foreman. "It was Mr. Foreman's duty to ensure a fair and unbiased election," the letter said. "Rather, he overtly campaigned for Violette's re-election, going as far as playing a part in the organizing of an endorsement of Mr. Violette by members of the National Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (THA), an organization consisting of six state-based horsemen's associations that Mr. Foreman founded and serves as Chairman. Additionally, Mr. Foreman and his associates coordinated an effort to obtain support for Mr. Violette from horsemen in California and Florida." Finley's letter calls for "the prompt holding of a new NYTHA Presidential Election." When reached by phone Wednesday afternoon, Finley said that he had not yet heard from Gallagher or any other NYTHA representative and had not yet decided what his next course of action would be. "I'm just waiting," Finley said. "I wish they had procedures in place, but I'm not aware of any [for formally contesting an election]." An email for comment to Gallagher was not immediately returned. Click [here](#) for the complete letter.

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GLORY FOR JAPAN AS FUKUNAGA LANDS IJC

Japanese jockey Yuichi Fukunaga, who earlier this year rode Just a Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) to a barnstorming victory in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. at Meydan, landed the middle two legs of Wednesday's Longines International Jockeys' Championship at Happy Valley Racecourse and outpointed local star Joao Moreira by a count of 24-20 to take home the first-prize check of HK\$500,000 (US\$64,500).



Yuichi Fukunaga *HKJC.com*

New Zealand jockey James McDonald got the competition off on a winning note with a victory aboard 3-1 second choice **Expectator (Aus)** (Oratorio {Ire}), who sat handy to the pace set by **Jade Pippo (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), the mount of South African champion S'Manga Khumalo and outfinished the Moreira-ridden favorite **Golden Scalpel** (Arch) by 3/4 of a length.

Fukunaga, an even sixth in the first leg, had the call for trainer Almond Lee aboard 10-1 chance **Ocean Roar (NZ)** (Towkay {Aus}) in the second round of the series going the quirky 1000-meter trip at the Valley. *Cont. p3*



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Ramsey homebred juveniles **Conquistadorkitten** (Kitten's Joy) and **Eye Candy Kitten** (Kitten's Joy) both captured their French debuts yesterday and will be pointed towards Royal Ascot along with the undefeated **Jolly Good Kitten** (Kitten's Joy). T.D. Thornton gets the scoop from Ken Ramsey on how these winners will help bolster his international aspirations for his breeding farm and his prize stallion Kitten's Joy.



Kitten's Joy

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Global Perspectives Shared at Tuscon Symposium



Andrew Kelly

An array of racing professionals from across the globe gathered in Tucson, Arizona yesterday to share their thoughts on the international wagering markets during day two of the Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming. Dean Hoffman provides all of the important details from yesterday's session.

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Glory for Japan as Fukunaga Lands IJC cont. from p1

Christophe Soumillon had the mount on 9-5 choice **Jolly Posh (NZ)** (Stravinsky), but when the favorite missed the break, Fukunaga took full advantage, sending Ocean Roar to the lead before finding the wire a half-length to the good of **Excel Oneself (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), the mount of leading local jockey Vincent Ho. Moreira finished third from the widest draw atop **Family Interests (NZ)** (Sakhee's Secret {GB}).

With 12 points in the bag for the win in race five, Fukunaga landed on the 24-10 favorite **Vara Pearl (NZ)**



Trainer Tony Millard (red tie) leads in Vara Pearl
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(Savabeel {Aus}) in the third race of the competition, and the 4-year-old, trained by Tony Millard, came from a handy spot and narrowly defeated **Elegance Klammer (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), while Ho picked

up a few more points on **Genuine Champion (NZ)** (Postponed) in third.

Entering the final leg, Fukunaga was the clear leader on 24 points, but courtesy of his first-race score, McDonald remained in contention, as did Moreira with his trio of placings. Fukunaga partnered with the 6-1 gamble **Wah May Baby (Ire)** (Amadeus Wolf {GB}) and put the 3-year-old in a perfect spot just behind the speed, while McDonald led through the middle stages astride **Sempiternal (NZ)** (Postponed) and Moreira had favored **Griffindor (Ire)** (Kheleyf) in about midpack. Fukunaga was out of gas turning for home, and McDonald found himself 200 meters from the championship, only to be run down by 14-1 shot **Amazingly (Ire)** (Shamardal) and Longines 'World's Best Jockey' Ryan Moore in the waning strides. Moreira and Griffindor plugged on into third, leaving Fukunaga the overall winner.

American jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. was not dealt the most-gifted set of rides in the competition and did not earn any points. His best effort was a seventh aboard 140-1 longshot **Novel Start (NZ)** (Ishiguru) in the third leg of the challenge.

Fukunaga will look to continue the positive momentum when he rides G1 Mile Championship runner-up Fiero (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

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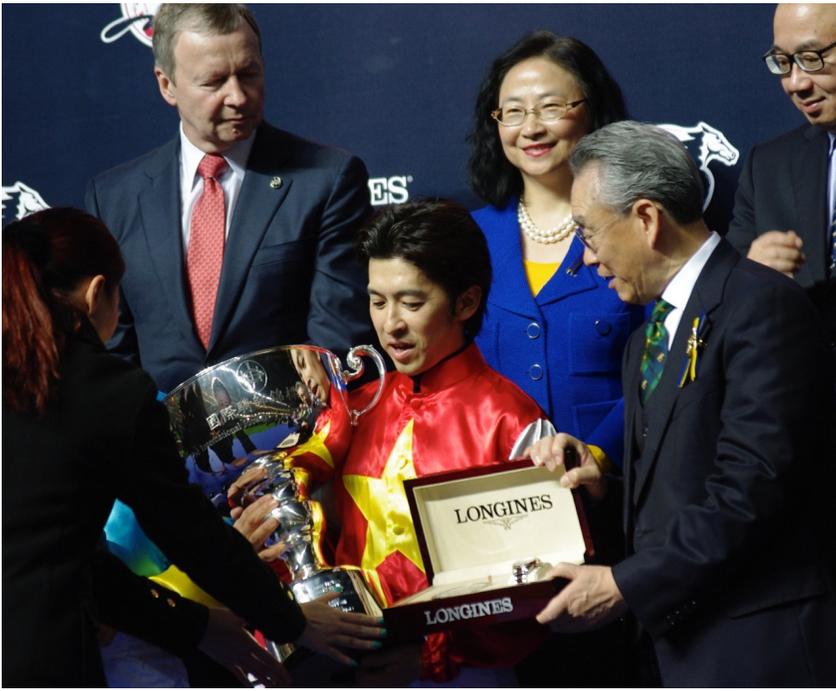


Australia's young phenom James McDonald won one leg



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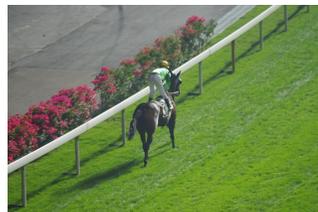
Winning jockey Yuichi Fukunaga



Hong Kong's Joao Moreira was runner-up



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Flintshire Flying Ahead of Vase...

Juddmonte Farms' **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), expected to be a solid favorite for Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase, did very little to tarnish his reputation Wednesday morning in his final serious piece of work ahead of the 2400-meter test.

With exercise rider Annelie Ackerman in the saddle, the 4-year-old two-minute-licked for the opening 800 meters of a six-furlong gallop, then flashed home neatly with a final quarter-mile in a sparkling :22.3. He later took two turns of the expansive Sha Tin walking ring.

"He was beautiful this morning and we are all very pleased," confirmed Richard Lambert, traveling head lad to trainer Andre Fabre. "The ground here is fast and he just loves it. The inner side of the course is a little bit better, as it is all new. This is the kind of ground you'd want for him; he just thrives on it."

Lambert continued, "We put him on the turf so that he'd get a feel for the course. When he got into the straight, he just went on his own, according to Annelie, who is all smiles. We then took him to the parade ring, as usual when we send horses over here. We like them to get accustomed to the place, not to be surprised on the big day, even though I suspect there will be many more people to watch on Sunday. There won't be much more to do now. He's done what he was supposed to do."

Though he is winless in five starts this term, Flintshire has performed admirably in some of the world's top middle-distance tests. Runner-up to Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) in Ascot's G1 Coronation Cup June 6, he turned in his lone sub-par effort of the season when fifth--placed fourth--over unsuitably easy turf in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud June 29. Second as the odds-on favorite in the G2 Prix Foy Sept. 14, the bay outran odds of 20-1 to fill the same spot behind the repeating Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Oct. 5 and ran with credit to finish closest to Main Sequence (Aldebaran) in the Nov. 1 GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

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Archimedes Flying Under the Radar for Cup...

True: the last time **Archimedes (Jpn)** (Admire Moon {Jpn}) faced the starter was over nine months. Also true: the last time Sheikh Mohammed's homebred 5-year-old raced, he was beaten into second in the G2 Nakayama Kinen by Just a Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), who used that 1800-meter heat as a



Archimedes HKJC.com

springboard to a massive victory in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S., an effort rated the best in the world in 2014.

Archimedes, whose sire was second to the popular French filly Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) in the 2006 G1 Hong Kong Cup,

was extended an invitation to the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in April, but connections declined, opting instead to point for a late-season campaign.

"At that time he was tired and needed a break so we decided to skip that race--this race has been the big target for him for some time," trained Hideyuki Fujiwara explained. "So far everything is under control."

Archimedes validated favoritism in the G3 Asahi Challenge Cup H. Dec. 7 and was first off a three-month rest when he came from 10th to finish 3 1/2 lengths behind Just a Way.

Sent out over 800 meters in his final serious pre-race workout Wednesday, he stopped the clock in :51.1, but sizzled his final 400 meters in a spectacular :22.2.

"I instructed the rider to get a feel of the turf and see how the horse performs on it," said Fujiwara, who sent out Eishin Flash (Jpn) (King's Best) to win the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in 2010. "That is the most important thing for [Wednesday's] gallop. There is only one thing left that we have to clear and that is tomorrow's draw. We need an inside draw, so all we can do now is trust that we will get some luck."

Archimedes is a grandson of Caress (Storm Cat), a multiple graded-stakes winning full-sister to MGSW Bernstein and GSW & GISP Country Cat, who was knocked down to John Ferguson for \$3.1 million in foal to Coronado's Quest at the 2000 Keeneland November Sale. Following her purchase, Caress went on to become the dam of GISW and top sire Sky Mesa (Pulpit), MGSW Golden Velvet (Seeking the Gold) and MGSP Monthir (Gulch). Caress's second produce for Darley was Archeology (Seeking the Gold), who was unplaced in Europe before her export to Japan. Archimedes is her second foal.

Those concerned about the extended absence would be soothed by the fact that Archimedes sports a first-up record of three wins and a second from five starts. Yasunari Iwata, who won the 2006 G1 Melbourne Cup and guided Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) to his back-to-back wins in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint, has a return call.

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'Power' to Attempt to Go One Better...

Earlier this week, Sabena Power's **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) was named the Horse of the Year in Ireland. This coming Sunday, the 7-year-old will look to improve off a runner-up effort in last year's G1 Hong Kong Sprint.

Dispatched at odds of 76-1 last December in spite of a campaign that included a victory in the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot and a close third in the G1 Nunthorpe S., the popular gelding settled well back in the field on International day, and while he was never getting to the imperious Lord Kanaloa, he raced by everything else to pick up a hefty paycheck.

It has been another very productive season for Sole Power, who won the G3 Palace House S. at Newmarket May 3, then successfully defended his King's Stand title. He then followed up with a half-length score in the Nunthorpe at York Aug. 22, but was fourth in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup Sept. 6 and eighth in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp in his most recent appearance.



Sole Power HKJC.com

Though Sole Power has made just eight of his 44 career starts at Sunday's 1200-meter distance, trainer Eddie Lynam thinks his charge can be equally effective.

"He's been more of a 110-rated horse over 1200 meters, but more like 117 or 118 over 1000 meters," Lynam admitted. "However if he runs like he did in this race last year, he's got a decent chance, if we get luck in running. There is no exceptional horse this year, and the sprint trial here asked as many questions as it answered. I'd be most frightened of the Australian horse Buffering (Aus) (Mossman {Aus})--if he could get an uncontested lead he might be hard to catch."

That said, don't expect connections to take Sole Power out of his element or make any drastic changes in his running style.

"This horse never shirks a battle and his style of racing--sitting way off the pace--is untypical of a sprinter," Lynam states. "He is electric and a real 'box office' horse."

The now-retired Johnny Murtagh was in the saddle for last year's Sprint, but champion Richard Hughes, who rode Sole Power to his dual Group 1 successes this season, has the call this weekend.

"Richard says that he and Sole Power were made for each other," Lynam said with a smile.

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Stews Issue Report on Spalato...

Hong Kong Jockey Club stewards have issued a status update on an inquiry involving the health of Singapore raider **Spalato (NZ)** (Elusive City) in the immediate aftermath of his 13th-place performance in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 23.



Spalato

Stewards interviewed trainer John O'Hara following the conclusion of live racing that day regarding a report made that Spalato had exhibited a 'restricted action' in his right hind leg in the stable area prior to the race. There were no significant findings upon initial examination, but the following morning, Nov. 24,

Spalato was found to be lame in his right hind.

When questioned on the day of the race, O'Hara told stewards that when the stable assistant attempted to clean Spalato's right hind hoof prior to the race, and that the horse "walked a bit funny, but after massaging it, he walked out and trotted up good" and that "he sort of walked a bit funny and after walking him for a bit, you know, he sort of loosened up." Stewards reported that, as with every horse, Spalato was observed by vets in the parade ring and prior to entering the starting stalls and that no adverse reports were made.

Subsequent to this debriefing, HKJC stewards accessed the closed-circuit TV footage from the quarantine barn, which largely corroborated the account given by O'Hara.

Spalato was subjected to another veterinary inspection Wednesday morning at the behest of Dr. Peter Curl, executive manager of veterinary regulation for the HKJC, to assess whether Spalato could be declared for Thursday's draw.

After examining the gelding, Dr. Curl reported Spalato to be 'satisfactory in his action,' was showing no signs of discomfort and will be allowed to be entered Thursday. As per its established practice, HKJC vets will examine Spalato for a routine pre-race examination this coming Saturday.

The inquiry which was commenced Sun., Nov 23, will resume at the Happy Valley Inquiry Room Mon., Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.

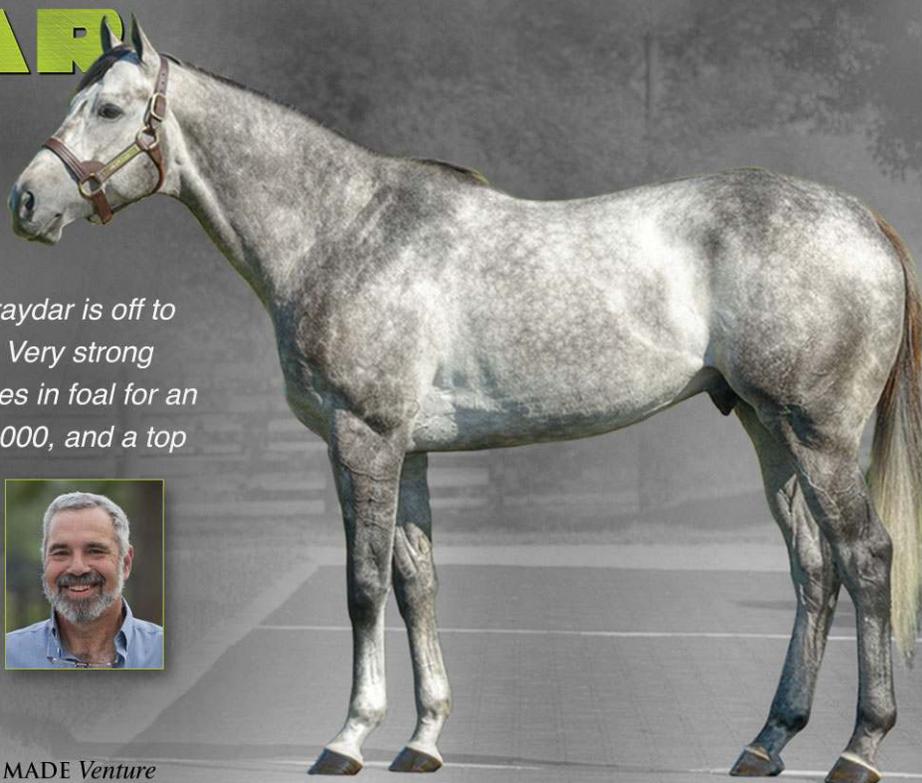
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The 'Works'			
Horse	Distance	Time	Final 400m
Archimedes (Jpn), Cup	800mT	:51.1	:22.2
Captain Cat (GB), Mile	1200m	1:21	:23.4
Cirrus des Aigles (Fr), Cup	800m (AWT)	:50.1	:24.6
Curren Mirotic (Jpn), Vase	400m (AWT)	:26.4	n/a
Endowing (Ire), Cup	800m (AWT)	:57.2	:26.4
Flintshire (GB), Vase	1200mT	1:26.3	:22.3
Hana's Goal (Jpn), Mile	800m (AWT)	:50.6	:21.9
Little Gerda, Sprint	800mT	:52.6	:23
Parish Hall (Ire)	1200mT	1:31.9	:27.1
Red Cadeaux (GB), Vase	1200mT	1:31.3	:25.9
Snow Dragon (Jpn), Sprint	1200mT	1:31.8	:25.3
Spalato (NZ), Sprint	800m (AWT)	:53.5	:22.8
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Injury Update...

Trainer Robert Heathcote had good news Wednesday regarding the status of G1 Hong Kong Sprint contender **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) one day after missing morning trackwork after going lame with a foot abscess.

"We were able to shoe him this morning and he then trotted up pretty well," the conditioner said of the four-time Group 1 winner. "On a scale of [zero-to-] five, I'd say his degree of discomfort would be about 0.8 and he's improving all the time. He should be right for some light work [Thursday] and then--all being well--we can gallop him on the turf on Friday."



Buffering HKJC.com

There was no update on the condition of **Ambitious Dragon (NZ)**

(Pins {Aus}), who was also dealing with a foot infection Tuesday. On the eve of the 2012 G1 Hong Kong Mile, trainer Tony Millard and his staff worked literally around the clock to try to get the gelding over some right-hind lameness. The miracle came full circle when the Horse of the Year passed the vet and then all his rivals to score an improbable victory. Millard seemed slightly less optimistic when speaking to the South China *Morning Post* Tuesday.

"I hope the result is the same as 2012, but I can't say I like these sorts of omens," the conditioner told the newspaper. "I believe it's like the problem that the Australian sprinter has, but a little further in, so at first we weren't sure if it was an abscess or a puncture wound, so we had to be a bit careful. But it looks like an abscess. We still have a couple of days and once they blow, the foot can clean up quickly and the horse will be fine. Luckily, he finished all his fast work on Monday."

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Say What?

"He seems to be right mentally. I hope he's also right in his heart. I feel he's getting better and better; Perhaps he reaches his peak when he's 50!" **Corine Barande-Barbe**, trainer of HK Cup hopeful **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)**



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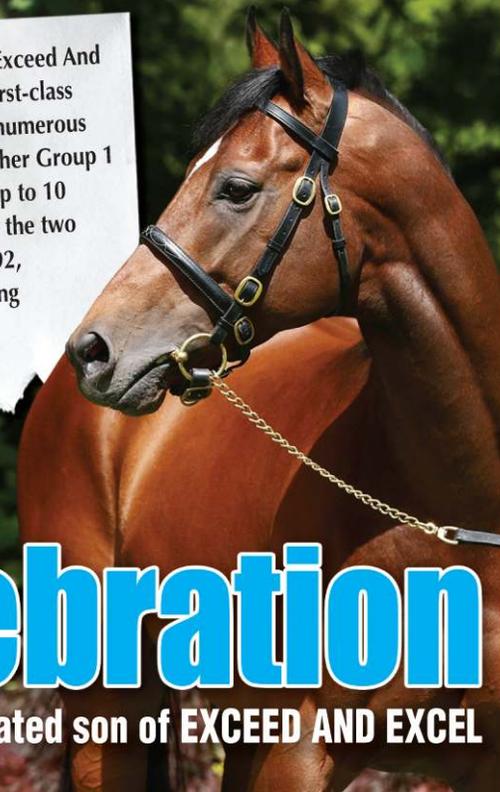
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FINDING HONG KONG, LOSING WALLETS, ETC.

Photos & Editorial by Lucas Marquardt

When traveling, I've found there are a few things that help me get a good feel of a city. Taking public transportation. Going for a jog around town. Eating lunch where the locals do. Getting a haircut.

I'm not sure how the last one made the list. It was probably a result of running out of time before departing Lexington. But really--a barber's a barber the world over, and it's a good way to hang with some locals, even if it's just for 20 minutes.

On this trip, I got the haircut crossed off my list in Macau. I'd left Taipa Racecourse, couldn't find a taxi, found myself in front of a shop that had both a barber's pole and some large, outdated Vidal Sassoon posters on the walls, and ducked in.

It was the first haircut I've had where no attempt at communication was made. I don't mean that this young Chinese fellow and I *couldn't* communicate; we didn't even try--no holding the fingers so far apart to indicate hair length or anything. I came in, we just sorted of nodded at each other, he pointed to a chair and I sat down. Then he went to work. The weird thing was that he cut it exactly right; or exactly as I would have asked for. Frankly, it turned out way better than the haircuts I get from the young lady at Sports Clips in Lexington, and we, ostensibly, speak the same language.



MTR Stop in Hong Kong

Ever since I made it back to the Sheung Wan neighborhood of Hong Kong, I've been working on some of those other points. First up: public transportation. Really, it's a dream here. Nine color-coded lines make up the MTR's subway system, which take you

from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon, to Lantau Island and the New Territories.

Achieving a 99.9% on-time rate--the government agency that runs it actually gets fined if trains are too late--the system is clean and efficient. A full 3G network in stations and tunnels means you can, in theory, but only in theory, place bets on California racing during your commute.

Single-trip tickets are available, but it's easier to pre-load an "Octopus" card, a fare payment system that is accepted at the MTR, as well as at ferries, buses, the Airport Express, etc. Know where else it's accepted? Sha Tin Racecourse. Just touch your card to the sensor and you're in.

At the risk of sounding unappreciative for the media bus the HKJC has provided, it's faster to take public transportation out to Sha Tin, and it gives you a better feel for Hong Kongers. From the first hotel I stayed at, I hopped on the MTR at Shueng Wan station, changed trains at Central, again at Mong Kok, and again at Kowloon Tong, where I caught the East Rail line to Fo Tan. Sounds like a hassle, I know, but I never waited more than four or five minutes for a train, everything

was marked in English, and I made it there in less than 45 minutes. Now, on racedays, there's a train extension that runs right to the track (sort of like



On the walk from Fo Tan to Sha Tin

on the A Train that runs to Aqueduct), but not on regular days, so it was a two-mile walk from the station. But it's a quick, safe walk and you get a chance to see a part of Hong Kong missed by a lot of tourists.

I've never been much of a foodie, which is obvious when I try to write about it. I just don't have the vocabulary or knowledge base. But I have been getting familiar with the cheap eats of Sheung Wan--which is a crowded maze of narrow, winding streets and is famous for its huge number of spice shops--and there's nothing but positive things to report. **Cont. p10**

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Lucas Marquardt in Hong Kong cont.

Near my hotel, just off Des Voeux Road West, I found the Queen Street Cooked Food Market. It was a food court of sorts, but not anything like you'd find at a mall. With a drop ceiling, florescent lighting and a wide array of furniture and seating, the place didn't have much to offer in decor. But it isn't



Queens Street Cooked Food Market

ambiance that people go there for. It's the 10 or 15 different restaurants that serve outstanding versions of everything from steamed dumplings to chicken vindaloo to roasted suckling pig. There is communal seating, mostly plastic chairs, but you order from a waiter. The clientele seemed to be primarily locals on their lunch breaks, though the place is open almost all the time--it closes only between 2 and 6 a.m.

The first day I went there, I hit up Chautari, an Indian and Nepalese restaurant that offers a set lunch for HK\$55 (about US\$7). Included is a thin soup, a choice of several curries, Nepali Fried Rice, etc., and naan or rice. It was pretty standard fare, but delicious.

On day two I tried out ABC Kitchen, which, of all things, specializes in Italian. The chef and manager, according to Fodor's, both worked at "Hong Kong's once-iconic M at the Fringe restaurant." Now, I don't know what happened to M at the Fringe, now closed, but its loss is the Queen Street Cooked Food Market's gain. I got a linguini and chicken that was terrific. The sauce was rich, the chicken tender and delicious, but really, just a bowl of the pasta plain would have sufficed.

I was sat at a table with a young couple and their baby, Una. It was slightly awkward at first, but they were fun ex-pats (she from the UK; he from Dundalk) and easy to talk to, and we got on fine. I encouraged them to head to Sha Tin on Sunday for the races; maybe I'll see



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them there.

On the last night at that hotel, I worked out a bit in the gym, then felt the need to completely undo any gains I'd made.



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I'd made note of a place I'd passed called Sister Wah, and set out just before 11 p.m. I got there 10 minutes before closing, and they were nice enough to seat me and order up a big serving of beef brisket in soup. The large chunks of beef were incredibly tender, and the fat on them melted like butter in your mouth. I'm sure the chef cringed when I ladled in some red pepper chili oil, but boy, was it good.

And a Special Thanks to Mr. Shao...

On Wednesday morning, I changed hotels, moving from a place I'd gotten in Sheung Wan to the media hotel over in Central. That meant an early morning taxi ride in order to catch the 7 a.m. bus to Sha Tin Racecourse leaving from the media hotel. Sans coffee and the clarity it brings, I promptly left my wallet on the taxi's backseat, which I didn't realize until I tried to check in. The bus was about to leave and the taxi driver, now long gone, had an honest face, so I decided to hold off on canceling my cards. Well, good on you Mr. Shao. When I got back from covering the morning works, I found the driver had returned my wallet to the front desk. "You found the one taxi driver in 1000 in Hong Kong that would do that," one local told me. Anyway, he left his name and phone number, so with the help of Julia Tsang from the HKJC, we called and said thanks, got his mailing address, and one of the snazzy dark-blue jackets the HKJC gifts to us will soon be on Mr. Shao's doorstep. So, if you're in Hong Kong and need a good cabbie, his number is: 852 5328-1721.

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'BRANDI' SEEKS ECLIPSE AWARD IN STARLET
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upsetter **Take Charge Brandi** (Giant's Causeway) hopes to capture her second Grade I victory and secure a divisional championship in Saturday's GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos. Following her Breeders' Cup victory, the **"TDN Rising Star"** triumphed in the GIII Delta Downs Princess S. and her connections hope a third consecutive victory here will give her the edge over undefeated GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Lady Eli (Divine Park) for year end honors. Drawn in post six of seven with Victor Espinoza aboard, the likely favorite is conditioned by Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, who is the winningest trainer of this event with seven prior victories, including four in a row from 1994-1997. No stranger to Los Alamitos during his days as a Quarter Horse trainer, Lukas would become the first trainer to win a Grade I Quarter Horse event and Grade I Thoroughbred event at the same track if Take Charge Brandi gets the job done Saturday. Fellow Hall of Famer and former Quarter Horse trainer Bob Baffert will saddle **Maybellene** (Lookin at Lucky), who will break from the outside post with Rafael Bejarano in the irons. Owned by his wife Jill Baffert, the bay boasts a maiden and allowance win from a total of six starts and was last seen finishing second behind the **Achiever's Legacy** (City Zip) in Del Mar's Desi Arnaz S. Nov. 16. Trained by Jerry Hollendorfer, Achiever's Legacy will break from the rail with Drayden Van Dyke at the controls. Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' **Feathered** (Indian Charlie) makes her first start since finishing fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and will exit stall four with Hall of Famer Mike Smith aboard. The bay graduated at second asking at Saratoga Aug. 31 and was third in Belmont's GI Frizette S. Oct. 4.



Take Charge Brandi

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STARLET S.-GI, \$350,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Achiever's Legacy	City Zip	Van Dyke	Hollendorfer	120
2	Don't Blame Me (K)	Blame	Baze	Mulhall	120
3	Danette (K)	Curlin	Dsrmeaux	Dsrmeaux	120
4	Feathered	Indian Charlie	Smith	Pletcher	120
5	Majestic Presence (K)	Majestic Warrior	Stevens	Hollendorfer	120
6	Take Charge Brandi (K)	Giant's Causeway	Espinoza	Lukas	120
7	Maybellene (K)	Lookin At Lucky	Bejarano	Baffert	120

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:33 p.m. EST

SUGAR SWIRL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Risky Rachel	Limehouse	Bravo	Weaver	117
2	Merry Meadow	Henny Hughes	Castellano	Hennig	121
3	Wildcat Lily	D'wildcat	Lopez	Harris	117
4	R Free Roll	Rockport Harbor	Zayas	Ziadie	123
5	Centrique (K)	Malibu Moon	Prado	Wolfson	117
6	Oi Donyo (K)	Curlin	Rosario	Wolfson	119

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NEWS TODAY

KITTEN WINS IN FRANCE FURTHER RAMSEY'S INTERNATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

by T.D. Thornton

A bleak, chilly December afternoon in central Kentucky does not often spark visions of Royal Ascot in June, but it did Wednesday for Ken and Sarah Ramsey when a pair of their Kitten's Joy homebred first-time starters won overseas in France.

Reached by phone at his Nicholasville, Kentucky breeding farm, Ken Ramsey noted that the debut nine-furlong victories at Lyon La Soie by the colt **Conquistadorkitten** and the filly **Eye Candy Kitten** represent an undefeated 2014 juvenile foray into France for his operation (see *French report on p4 of the ATW*).



Ken Ramsey
Horsephotos

Following a maiden win and subsequent listed stakes victory in the Oct. 25 Prix des Sablonnets at Nantes by the colt Jolly Good Kitten, the Ramseys are now pointing toward Royal Ascot with all three undefeated juveniles—and there are at least seven other yearlings entering training in the United States aiming to join them. The Ramseys also have a pair of unraced juveniles with Dermot Weld in Ireland.

Ramsey said it's all part of a master plan to extend his racing and breeding operation to an international scope, much of which rests on the broad, chestnut back of the Ramseys' foundation sire, Kitten's Joy.

"Four-for-four isn't too shabby," said Ramsey. "It's a very exciting day what we've done over in France. What we've now got is three Kitten's Joys, undefeated in France, and one of them is already a stakes winner in his second start. So that's a very auspicious beginning. All three of these horses are pointing for Royal Ascot—I've got that marked down on my calendar. I told my trainer [Gianluca Bietolini], look, do whatever you have to do with them between now and then, but the ultimate goal is to make sure we're at Royal Ascot."

Jolly Good Kitten was the fifth European stakes winner for Kitten's Joy, who ranks second only to Ireland's Galileo on the *TDN's* 2014 worldwide year-to-date turf earnings [sire list](#) (and first in North America).

"John D'Amato, my right-hand man over in Europe, said that the papers are all talking about being [undefeated] with the Kitten's Joys, that this may be the horse that replaces Galileo in Europe," Ramsey said. "You don't get much better accolades than that, to be put in the same breath as Galileo. They are closely related."

Ramsey continued, "Both of them are Sadler's Wells-type stallions, Galileo being by Sadler's Wells and Kitten's Joy being by El Prado (Ire), who is by Sadler's Wells. So this Northern Dancer [line] is really carrying on great over there and we hope to continue that."

Ramsey said he initially began campaigning his European contingent in Italy, but fiscal difficulties with racecourses in that country forced him to shift his focus to France.

"Italy's a bad place to run, because I still haven't collected all my purses from 2012," Ramsey revealed. "I'm not going to run if we don't get paid, so we moved over to France. Plus there are a lot more racetracks over there in France than there are in Italy."

Ramsey said he has been pleased with the international attention Kitten's Joy has received in the auction ring as well.

He said a yearling colt that fetched £390,000 at Tattersalls in October seems like "a bargain to the buyer now" considering he's a full brother to Wednesday's first-out winner Conquistadorkitten.

"Kitten's Joy's future looks pretty good," Ramsey said. "We've got a bunch of 'em in the pipeline from the best mares we've ever bred to him."

Ramsey said there is also international breeding interest in multiple Grade I turf winner **Real Solution** (Kitten's Joy), who will be entering his first year at stud in 2015.

"I got some real interest in Europe at standing Real Solution at stud," Ramsey said. "We're standing him here on the farm for \$12,500. Broodmares who are either stakes winners themselves or have produced stakes winners get a discount on him. This year I'm going to breed about 50 or 60 of my own mares to him to get him off to a good start, but next year I plan on sending him to France."

"I was told they could line me up 50 or 60 mares for sure in France next year for Real Solution. He's very popular because he won his first three races over in Italy, and was the odds-on favorite to win the Italian Derby before coming down with a lung infection that compromised him for almost a year. He got back and won two Grade I's and lost the other one by a nose."

Ramsey said next season's international racing campaign will begin in March with an attempt at back-to-back wins in the Barbados Gold Cup. Major Marvel (Bernstein) scored last year carrying the red-and-white Ramsey colors; **Gentlemen's Kitten** (Kitten's Joy) will represent the stable at Garrison Savannah in 2015.

"We're sending probably four horses down to Barbados, and I've got Frankie Dettori lined up to ride," Ramsey said. *Cont. p13*



Kitten's Joy
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*Ramsey Farm-raised and owned
Jolly Good Kitten prevailed in the
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An Undefeated Stakes Winner and two first-out Winners from three 2YO Starters in France for Kitten's Joy ... World Class

December 10th:

2YO EYE CANDY KITTEN won her debut going 9 furlongs in a field of 16. Two races later, 2YO CONQUISTADORKITTEN won his debut by 2 lengths, also in a field of 16 going 9 furlongs.

October 25th:

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Ramsey's International Aspirations cont.

The Mar. 28 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan will be the target for MGISW **Big Blue Kitten** (Kitten's Joy).

"Big Blue Kitten is probably going to stand here at stud on the farm [after 2015], unless I'm offered an offer I can't refuse," said Ramsey. "He'll be going over to run in that \$6-million turf race, and I hope to have a couple or three more over there [in Dubai]. I'm putting the plans together as I speak."

But the ultimate international goal for the Ramseys remains a win at Royal Ascot.

"I've got seven yearlings with Wesley Ward that we're sending down to Palm Beach, Florida, all of them are destined for Royal Ascot," Ramsey said. "Of course, all of them won't make it, but we're sending them down there to get them ready, come back and run at Keeneland or Churchill Downs, and go straight to Royal Ascot."

He added, "I'm going to get this [first win at] Royal Ascot off my back. That's been on my bucket list too long. I've got to get that taken care of this coming June."

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FREE EAGLE TO INS UPON RETIREMENT

Moyglare Stud has entered into an agreement with the Irish National Stud to stand the exciting **Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}--Polished Gem {Ire}, by Danehill) upon conclusion of his racing career.

Free Eagle defeated subsequent GSW Orchestra (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by 5 1/2 lengths in his Leopardstown debut last August before finishing a distant second to Australia (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 Breeders' Cup



Free Eagle *Racing Post*

Juvenile Turf Trial S. the next month. Not spotted for 371 days thereafter, the homebred resumed with a seven-length romp in the G3 Enterprise S. back at Leopardstown Sept. 13 and was most recently third, beaten just 1 1/2 lengths, behind Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot Oct. 18

"We have been admirers of Free Eagle throughout his racing career to date and we are honored to be given the

chance to participate in his future and we thank Eva Maria Bucher-Haefner for her trust and support," the Stud's John Osborne commented.

Bred from a granddaughter of 1988 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Trusted Partner (Affirmed), a half-sister to GISW Dress to Thrill (Ire) (Danehill), Free Eagle is a half-brother to Irish highweight Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}) and four-time GSW Custom Cut (Ire) (Notnowcato {GB}).

Free Eagle remains in training at four in 2015, with races like the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and G1 Prince of Wales's S. as primary options.

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DARLEY BUYS INTO BRAZEN BEAU

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}--Sansadee {Aus}, by Snaadee), last-out winner of the stallion-making G1 Coolmore Stud S. at Flemington Nov. 1, has been purchased by Darley, but will continue to race in the colors of his previous owners Ontrack Thoroughbreds through his autumn campaign.

A later-maturing 2-year-old for Chris Waller, the brown colt won the G2 Champagne Classic S. at Doomben last May 10 before narrowly failing to add the G2 Sires' Produce S. at that track and the G1 J J Atkins S. to close out the season. Returned to action following a series of barrier trials in Sydney, Brazen Beau was fifth in the G2 Danehill S. at Flemington Sept. 13, but bounced back to annex the G2 Roman Consul S. ahead of his success at the Melbourne Cup Carnival last time out.



Brazen Beau *Racing and Sports*

Plans call for the colt to take in the G1 Lightning S. and G1 Newmarket H. in February and March and possibly the G1 T J Smith S. at The Championships. However, he is likely to skip the autumn targets in Sydney in favor of a trip to Royal Ascot for the G1 Golden Jubilee S. in June before returning to Australia to begin his stud career next spring.

"We identified him as a top class colt after his win in the Roman Consul S. in Sydney, and it was no surprise to us when he won the Coolmore," Darley's Henry Plumtre told Racing And Sports. "It is hoped that he will be able to underline his ability with an autumn campaign taking in two of this country's best sprints before running at Royal Ascot. He is a powerful type and as a Group 1 winner already he'll be a popular addition to our roster when he retires to take up stud duties."

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MASSIVE ENTRY FOR EPSOM 2016

Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire})'s brother is among a whopping 475 entries for the 2016 Investec Derby at Epsom.

The colt's owner, Khalid Abdullah, also has a son of Middy (GB), who won six Group 1 during her stellar career, among his entries.

The Coolmore partners of Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and John Magnier have 77 possibles, including a Galileo half-brother to Harbinger (GB).

Godolphin has 53 entries, headed by a Dubawi (Ire) half-brother to this year's Derby winner Australia (Ire), with the overall entries for the race up by 66 on 12 months ago.

There are two other entry stages, with the first Apr. 5, 2016 and costing £8,000. The second is Monday, May 30, 2016--just five days before the race--when horses can be supplemented at a price of £75,000. *Cont. p14*



Massive Entry for Epsom 2016 cont.

Andrew Cooper, head of racing and clerk of the course at Epsom Downs, said, "We are delighted with and grateful for the continuing high level of support that yearling entry for the Investec Derby receives from owners, trainers and breeders. These horses have been given their initial ticket to the greatest Flat race in the world, and can remain in the Classic with no further financial commitment until the March of their 3-year-old careers. Good luck to them all."

EURO COMMISSION BANS MEAT FROM MEXICO

The European Commission has temporarily banned the import of horse meat and horse meat products from Mexico earlier this week following a number of audits by the Food and Veterinary Office. With 87% of horses that are slaughtered in Mexico and imported to Europe originating from the United States, the moratorium could have considerable consequences on the trade of horses for slaughter in the US. "This predatory industry has once again been exposed for animal abuse and reckless disregard for consumer safety," stated Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of The United States. "The decision to shut down this hub for the North American slaughter industry should result in tens of thousands of American horses no longer facing the dread and terror of long-distance transport and inhumane slaughter. It's a huge moment in our campaign to end the slaughter of American horses throughout North America."

SHEIKH JOAAN PURCHASES DAM OF AVENIR CERTAIN

Sheikh Joaan Al Thani has purchased privately the dam of last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane heroine Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), *Racing Post* reports. The 10-year-old mare Puggy (Ire) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) was previously owned by Sylvain and Elisabeth Vidal, the breeders of Avenir Certain, and is currently in foal to Rajsaman (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). Puggy will reside at Sheikh Joaan's Haras de Bouquetot in Normandy, France. While Avenir Certain was just a €45,000 Arqana October yearling in 2012, Puggy's Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) filly sold for €500,000 to Narvick International at this year's Arqana August sale.



THE THIRD-CROP GAMBLE

When stallion managers set their prices they are trying to appeal to two constituencies: owner-breeders and commercial breeders. Maybe there aren't as many owner-breeders as there used to be, but they can still have a significant impact on stallion prices and availability. **Dubawi**, now Darley's kingpin stallion, is a good, dramatic example of this: the Maktoum family and friends are probably going to breed over 100 mares to him next year. A few other operations are allocated seasons, but it's not like you can go out on the street and buy one.



Dubawi Darley

There are enough top owner-breeders left that when they collectively decide to support a stallion prospect it can affect availability of a stallion, as with Dubawi, but more likely it will effect price. Owner-breeders are definitely not as price-sensitive to stud fees (which are 40% of the cost of producing a sales yearling, on average); they just decide they want to breed to the horse, and, up to a point of course, the actual stud fee is more or less immaterial. As a result we often hear commercial breeders moan about stud fees, precisely because they are in competition for the seasons with breeders who really don't care what the stud fee is, they just want to breed to the horse.

Similar reasoning can apply to breeding to stallions in their third or fourth seasons. Owner-breeders are less worried if a horse is standing its third season, and therefore is going to have its first crop of 3-year-olds when you might have a yearling. For commercial breeders, however, the prospect is mostly terrifying. By September or October of the year a sire has his first 3-year-olds, and the commercial breeder's yearling is fixing to sell, you could be dead in the water with the sire. I don't need to name names, but any commercial breeder who's been in the business longer than 10 minutes is sure to have a horror story about having a (usually nice) yearling to sell by a stallion on his way to another state or country.

But, just as big risks equal big rewards, it can work the other way. Having a yearling from the third crops of Tapit, Medaglia d'Oro, or War Front, for example, could result in big payoffs from relatively low investment in stud fees. If you get it right it can be a grand slam home run, so gambling on a third-crop sire which you really like can turn you from a pauper like the rest of us to a prince, and it's far less random than the lottery. Just pick the right stallion about to stand his third crop.

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Standing their third crops in 2015 are stallions which retired in 2013 and had their first foals this year. Their weanling averages will have a big correlation to their stud fees (starting and current), and of course to the type of mares to which they were bred--how much black type, and how close up? But the great thing about the Thoroughbred market is it treats all applicants just about equally--their progeny either look the part, or they don't. `The Market' gets its first look at a sire's produce at the weanling sales, and the market renders its collective judgement. Conspiracy theorists like to postulate that rigging can manipulate the results, but in my experience this rarely, if ever, happens these days, partially because of the large book sizes and the number of horses by each stallion which are offered at auction. You're not exactly going to rig anything, not when there are 122 yearlings offered (96 sold) by Uncle Mo, for example.

So who do we got? For starters, we have Juddmonte's **Frankel**, by Galileo out of a Danehill mare and arguably the best racehorse ever. If the scale says 140 is the top, Frankel was a 145. Can such a freak be a sire at all, much less be as far ahead of his contemporaries as he was as a racehorse? I don't pretend to know the answer to that, but one thing for sure is if he is, breeding to him in his third year for £125,000 won't seem expensive--and breeding is about the



Frankel Juddmonte

future, in this case three years from now. Nonetheless, it has to be said his commercial performance at the European mixed sales was underwhelming: 10 catalogued, seven through the ring, just three sold, and just one of those, the €1.8-million Finsceal Beo filly at Goffs--really quickened the collective commercial pulse. Still, Frankel's weanling average was over \$1-million (click [here](#) for Instatistics), and the likelihood is it will be a whole different story when the yearling sales get underway next year. It's likely to just be a delayed case of Frankel Fever.

Eleven other stallions recorded averages for their first weanlings between \$60,000-\$140,000 during the last six weeks of North American and European mixed sales. Five of the 12, including Frankel, stand in Europe and the other seven stand in Kentucky. Quite a few of these horses were 3-year-olds rather than 2-year-olds themselves.

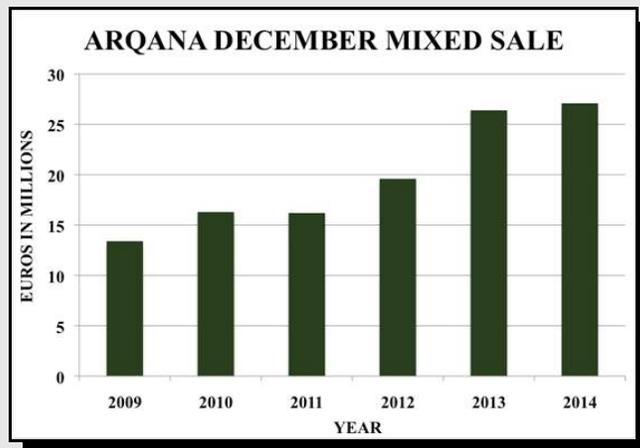
In Europe, the other four besides Frankel were headed by Newsells Park's **Nathaniel**, like Frankel a son of Galileo, and whose form, as we mentioned a couple of weeks ago, included a couple of defeats by Frankel. Placed twice in two starts at two at a mile, at three he won the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot, defeating future G1 Melbourne Cup winner Fiorente, then won the G1 'King George' against older horses, including the previous year's G1 Epsom Derby winner Workforce. **Cont. p16**

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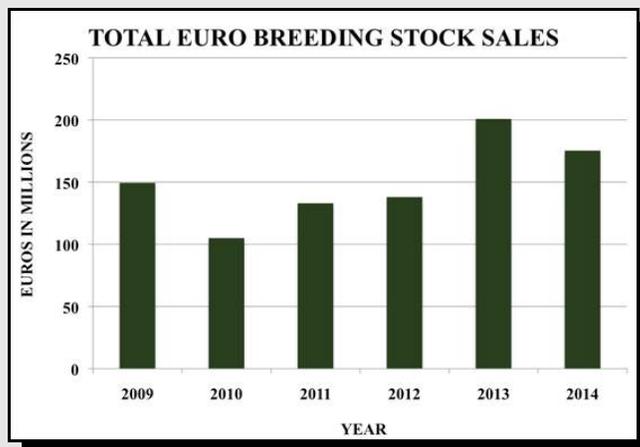
by Bill Oppenheim

"Last year the Paulyn Dispersal at Goffs included Chciquita at €6-million, and Tattersalls' December Sale included 25 fillies or mares which sold for 500,000 gns or more. With only 13 in that category this year, the overall European Mixed Sale (Goffs, Tattersalls, Arqana) gross fell by €25-million, or 13%. As the number sold in the three sales was almost exactly the same as last year, the average was down by 13% as well. It's unlikely, however, to reflect anything more sinister than fewer top prospects being offered."

- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	976	871	871	10.8%	77.3%	69.0%	€27,094,000	€40,259
2013	954	846	846	11.3%	81.1%	71.9%	€26,433,000	€38,532
2012	930	814	814	12.5%	73.5%	64.3%	€19,561,500	€32,712
2011	908	788	788	13.2%	69.0%	59.9%	€16,159,500	€29,705
2010	878	790	790	10.0%	71.8%	71.8%	€16,309,000	€28,764
2009	748	674	674	9.9%	76.0%	76.0%	€13,389,500	€26,151



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	4,873	4,169	3,336	14.4%	80.0%	68.5%	€175,357,584	€52,565
2013	4,782	4,090	3,317	14.5%	81.1%	69.4%	€200,782,372	€60,096
2012	4,744	4,008	3,109	15.5%	77.6%	65.5%	€138,013,546	€44,392
2011	4,496	3,792	2,757	15.7%	72.7%	61.3%	€133,153,879	€48,297
2010	4,511	3,770	2,674	16.4%	70.9%	59.3%	€105,429,506	€39,428
2009	4,318	3,593	2,689	16.8%	74.8%	62.3%	€149,387,662	€55,555

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Bill Oppenheim cont.

At four he won the G1 Eclipse and placed (behind Danedream, Snow Fairy, Frankel, and Cirrus des Aigles) in three more Group 1's at 10-12 furlongs. He ran a Racing Post Rating (RPR) 127 five times, which shows remarkable consistency. He was number two on weanling average among first-crop F2014 sires, as 19 foals offered (from 23 sold) averaged \$140,854, with an even higher median--always a good sign. The market really liked him.

Coolmore's **Excelbration**, who was four times second to Frankel and once third, won two Group 1's at a mile (best RPR 131) when Frankel stepped up to 10 furlongs, and was third on foal average (\$85,321) among European freshman weanling sires); also making the NA/EU Freshman Weanling Sire top 12 were the Tsui Family's **Born To Sea** (\$70,563), a Classic-placed (second to Camelot in the G1 Irish Derby) and listed stakes-winning 3/4-brother to Sea The Stars by Invincible Spirit; and Juddmonte's **Bated Breath** (\$64,669), a Group 2-winning sprinter (defeating Sole Power) by Dansili.

Lane's End's **Union Rags** (\$133,941), quite possibly a Nijinsky disguised as a Dixie Union and winner of the GI Champagne S. and GI Belmont S., was the narrow leader among North American freshman weanling sires, over WinStar's **Bodemeister** (\$118,739), by Empire Maker. Bodemeister won the GI Arkansas Derby by 9 1/2 lengths, and was runner-up to I'll Have Another (Flower Alley) in both the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. Both Union Rags and Bodemeister posted \$130,000 medians.



Union Rags *Lanes End*

Four of the other five North American freshman weanling sires with averages over \$70,000 are from the early crops of young star sires. Both Coolmore's **Stay Thirsty** (\$91,833), winner of the GI Travers S. at three and the GI Cigar Mile at four, and Gainesway's **To Honor And Serve**



Tapizar *Benoit Photo*

(\$90,778), winner of the GI Cigar Mile at three and the GI Woodward S. at four, are two-time Grade I winners from the first crop of Bernardini. Lane's End's **The Factor** (\$87,150), from War Front's first crop, won the GI Pat O'Brien S. and the GI Malibu S. as a 3-year-old; and Gainesway's **Tapizar** (\$83,600), the 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt

Mile winner, is from Tapit's third crop, and a year behind Trappe Shot among Tapit's early prominent sons.

Darby Dan's **Shackleford** (\$70,438), by Forestry, was a three-time Grade I winner, including the Preakness as a 3-year-old in 2011, and the Met Mile and Clark H. at four in 2012. Interestingly, nearly, if not all, of the North American and European freshman weanling sires whose first foals averaged \$70,000 or more, were themselves best as three or 4-year-olds, suggesting betting on their third crops could be just the right time to take the shot on the ones you fancy.

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES SHARED AT TUCSON SYMPOSIUM

Photos & Editorial by Dean A. Hoffman

Attendees at the Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming got an update on international wagering markets early Wednesday morning from a panel of experts representing North America, Hong Kong, and Australia.

Carrie Tong, senior business manager for Hong Kong Jockey Club---where daily handle averages \$150 million (US)---says that its success can be summed up in one word: Integrity.



Carrie Tong

"At the Hong Kong Jockey Club, we have the highest level of integrity, establishing global best practices," she said in her presentation. She emphasized that the Hong Kong Jockey Club believes that the most important business principles are being "fair and just" in the conduct of its racing. The testing lab in Hong Kong, Tong said, is the best in the world.

Scott Daruty is president of Monarch Content Management, a simulcasting purchase agent for numerous North American tracks. He emphasized that tracks in North America importing new signals from foreign sources must educate their customers on international racing if they expect bettors to embrace racing from a new source.

"Don't just put a simulcast signal up there," Daruty said. "The more comfortable your customers feel, the more money they will bet."

Andrew Kelly, chief executive of Harness Racing Australia, listed non-wagering benefits that go along with emerging international simulcasting. **Cont. p17**

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"For example, there are now seven French trotting stallions in Australia and breeders find that very exciting," he said. "There are even French owners who have horses racing in Australia. I probably shouldn't mention that some of them are pacers, but they are." (Pacers are prohibited on the European continent.)



Andrew Kelly

Kelly said that international simulcasting facilitates greater participation in yearling sales between North America and Australia. He also said that simulcasting stimulates imports of racing stock, encourages tourism and creates promotional opportunities.

David Haslett, president and CEO of Sky Racing World, noted in his comments that there is a growing interest among customers in fixed-odds wagering, which is virtually unknown in North America.

In a panel on "Breaking With Tradition," Rick Baedeker, executive director of the California Horse Racing Board, said that racing often unwittingly discourages prospective racing fans.



Rick Baedeker

"We've gotten so focused on the person who wants more and more information that we have raised barriers to new people in racing," said Baedeker. "I call it the 'old fart syndrome'."

He said that tracks have made newcomers uncomfortable by relying too heavily on jargon and states. He pointed out that newcomers find greyhound racing simple to understand but find horse racing to be complicated.

"Nobody likes to feel stupid," he said, "I'd love to see this industry figure out a way to repackage this great game and present the instructions in an easy, readable fashion. And I suggest it can be done with cool apps on a cell phone."

Trainer James Cassidy, president of the California Thoroughbred Trainers, agreed. He said that understanding the *Daily Racing Form* for a new fan is like solving a Rubik's Cube, and noted that betting machines are another intimidating factor.

Baedeker chimed in by saying, "The self-service machine at Santa Anita lists 36 tracks and Santa Anita is on page two. It's a good thing I knew to hit the 'next' button. I saw tracks listed on the machine that I'd never heard of."

When the subject of short fields was discussed, Cassidy said, "Twenty percent of the owners make 80% of the money and 80% of the owners make 20% of the money. It would be a good idea to give more incentive to guys running horses that finish seventh. We should be paying the purse down further if we want larger fields."

Georgann Hale, Director of Racing and Racing Secretary for the Maryland Jockey Club, said that she was initially concerned that tightening medication rules might result in even fewer horses dropped in to race.

"When the new medication rules came out, the entry box wasn't very full," Hale admitted. "But the trainers then adjusted."

Dr. Lisa Hanelt, the track veterinarian at Finger Lakes in New York, encourages trainers to consider the long-term health of a horse before racing it.

"Some trainers think that they only need to get a horse past the examining veterinarian and to the starting gate," Hanelt said. "We urge trainers not to cover problems by using medication. At the track, we have a cooperative relationship with the private veterinarians and we encourage trainers to use diagnostic testing to find out if something is wrong with a horse."

Baedeker stated his feelings by saying, "If we take care of the horse, the horse will give us more starts over the course of its racing career. That might address the problem with short fields."

A trio of digital marketing experts shared insights with attendees. Yenni Vance, Digital Communications/ Social Media Director for Remington Park and Lone Star Park, said that businesses can no longer rely on consumers accepting their messages without question.



Yenni Vance

"People don't trust corporate web sites any longer," she said.

She then cited Amazon's Jeff Bezos in saying that, "Your brand is what people say about you when you're not in the room."

What people say about a company is often on social media today, Vance emphasized, and that is why businesses must monitor social media and use the many analytical tools available. She also spoke to the need to target email blasts to the right people.

"You don't want to contact senior citizens about a Justin Bieber concert," Vance said. "Personalize your emails. People love to see their name in an email. Be sure to analyze the results after every email blast. Remember one thing: no spam."

When asked for a take away thought from the panel, Vance said, "You need to listen, analyze, and have a digital strategy. Think beyond Facebook and Twitter."



Jennie O'Herrick

Jennie O'Herrick, an online marketing professional for PARX, detailed the many marketing tools that are available to track officials and emphasized that it's essential to "close the loop" after you listen and analyze what customers tell you.

The Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming, which is sponsored by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program, wraps up at noon Thursday.

Florida

Yesterday's Results:

GOLDEN BEACH H., \$50,000, GPX, 12-10, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37, ft.

1--#U. S. S. O'BRIEN, 118, f, 3, by Empire Maker

1st Dam: Garden City, by Carson City

2nd Dam: Above the Line, by Easy Goer

3rd Dam: Pure Profit, by Key to the Mint

(\$130,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-Dr Ted Folkerth (KY); T-Katherine Ritvo; J-Manoel R Cruz. \$29,450. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$139,450.

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2--Flutterby, 119, f, 3, Congrats--Zoobie, by First and Only. O-Jerome G Bozzo Trust. \$9,500.

3--You Never Learn, 115, f, 3, Keyed Entry--Baby Be Good, by Distorted Humor. O-Murray Stroud. \$4,750. Margins: 2 1/4, 8 1/4, HF. Odds: 3.50, 3.50, 5.60.

U.S.S. O'Brien graduated in her third start over a muddy Aqueduct inner track in January and was second next out in a Aqueduct allowance March 27, before finishing fourth in an allowance at Belmont May 2 for Fox Hill Farms and trainer Chad Brown. She was privately purchased by Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and transferred to the Kathy Ritvo stable following that race. She set the pace in a Gulfstream allowance June 6, but, after her saddle slipped and she



U.S.S. O'Brien
Leslie Martin

bolted, finished last of six. However, U.S.S. O'Brien returned to the winner's circle in the Gulfstream slop Sept. 11 after taking the summer off. U.S.S. O'Brien proved no worse for the wear after rearing, falling on her hind end and dumping pilot Manuel Cruz in the post parade before the Golden Beach S. yesterday. U.S.S O'Brien was away well from the outside gate and established the early lead. The filly ticked off a fairly uncontested half in :46.46 and, when lightly pressured at the top of the lane, spurted away to win under urging. "She's got a lot of talent. [Trainer] Kathy [Ritvo has] worked real hard and gone real slow with her to get her comfortable," said Dean Reeves. "She has a mind of her own, which you could see out there, and she gets a little mad. She wants it her way. As Kathy says, 'If she thinks it's her idea, she's okay with it. But she has a tremendous amount of talent and we were really impressed with her race.'" **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

3rd-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:39, ft. **ESKENFORMONEY** (f, 2, [Eskendereya](#)--But for Money, by Not for Love) was unsuccessful in four starts over the turf and finished second by a nose trying the Keeneland dirt Oct. 23. Shedding blinkers here, the 2-5 pick settled in behind the early leader. The dark bay moved up alongside Majesticmasquerade (Majestic Warrior) to pass the pacesetter midway down the backstretch. Those two continued to battle, but Eskenformoney got a nose in front on the turn and soon easily opened up down the lane for the decisive 9 3/4-length victory. True History (Yes It's True) completed the exacta, while Majesticmasquerade faded to fourth. Eskenformoney becomes the seventh winner for her freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway). Sales history: \$225,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$59,700. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-StarLadies Racing. B-Ramspring Farm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

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6th-GPX, \$34,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57 1/5, fm. **BLACK JET** (c, 3, [Arch](#)--Tell It {SP, \$162,283}, by Storm Cat) briefly led early, but weakened to finish seventh at first asking over the Gulfstream Park West main track Oct. 19, but the Passion Stables colorbearer ran a much-improved third trying the turf course there Nov. 5. Getting blinkers off for this try, Black Jet broke on top and set the pace from along the rail. Without ever being seriously asked by pilot Paco Lopez, the 5-2 second choice inched clear down the stretch to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Taverni Bay (Wised Up) was second. The winner is a half to Dream Nettie (Dixie Union), SW, \$146,350. The winner's dam Dam Tell It (Storm Cat) is a half-sibling to MGSW and successful sire Pulpit (A.P. Indy). Sales history: \$100,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$185,000 RNA 2yo '13 FTFMAR; \$110,000 2yo '13 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$24,140. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Passion Stable Inc. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-Gilberto Zerpa.

Rakoff Dedicates First Win to Late Mentor Warren:
Courtesy Gulfstream Park

In French, 'petite lapin' means 'small rabbit,' but for David Rakoff, it will always carry a much greater significance.

Rakoff earned his first victory as a trainer in his 18th start when **Petite Lapin** (Belgravia), a 2-year-old chestnut filly owned by Breakin Wind Farm, rallied from her far outside post for a 1 1/4-length score in Sunday's finale at Gulfstream Park.

Petite Lapin had been trained by longtime South Florida horseman Fred Warren, who died suddenly at the age of 80 Oct. 3. Based at Gulfstream Park West, Rakoff had owned horses with Warren and worked as his assistant for the past 15 years. **cont. p2**

**Rakoff Dedicates First Win cont.**

"That win was for Fred," Rakoff said. "I do this every day thinking about Fred. Everything we still do is for Fred."

It was in the 1980s when Rakoff began his association with Warren, who won 1,070 races and more than \$12 million in purse earnings over a 45-year career, highlighted by Florida-bred stakes winner Island Skipper.

Warren had 12 wins from 115 starts in 2014 before his passing.

"It was a shock," Rakoff said. "One day he was there and the next day he wasn't. He was in a hospital for a few months, but it was sudden. We drove up to Ocala and came right back. I still think about it every day. I still don't park in his parking spot. I don't take his chair out. I leave all his awnings up, everything. I know he's looking down now. He's happy."

Petite Lapin was the second also-eligible in Sunday's finale, a \$35,000 maiden claimer at 7 1/2 furlongs on the turf. She drew into the race with two early scratches, and broke from outside post 12 under jockey Miguel Vasquez.

After saving some ground early, Petite Lapin came with a flourish down the middle of the stretch to overtake Danube River and win in 1:33.35. Sent off at 12-1, she returned \$26.80.

"It felt real good to finally get the monkey off my back," Rakoff said. "I thought she had a big shot. I saw she had a lot of trouble on the far turn. [Vasquez] had a lot of horse, but was in some trouble, so I was just hoping she got through. I was hoping she'd draw in because I thought she had a good shot to win. The only thing I was afraid of was being in the 12 hole going 7 1/2 furlongs, but the jock rode her perfect. I told him to save all the ground you can on the first turn and let the horse do the rest."

Rakoff credited the support around him for easing the transition to becoming the head trainer.

"I knew one day I would take over, but I was hoping not for another 10 years," he said. "It was kind of all of a sudden I had to take everything over, but we got everything together and I had good help. Everybody at Gulfstream has been very supportive. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here right now. They really went above and beyond. They got me going in the right direction and keep me going."



David Rakoff (red shirt) and team

A Coglianese

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2nd-GP, \$40K, MSW, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:04 p.m. ET

Phipps homebred **DELIGHTFUL** (**BERNARDINI**) will debut from the outside post of this competitive maiden field today. The Shug McGaughey trainee hails from a deep female family; GISP dam Dancinginmydreams (Seeking the Gold) is a full-sister to MGSW millionaire and champion Heavenly Prize as well as GISW Oh What A Windfall. The former has become a solid producer in her own right with MGSW Good Reward (Storm Cat) and GSW Pure Prize (Storm Cat). Delightful is also a half-sister to GISW Dancing Forever (Rahy). Joseph Sutton's \$400,000 KEESEP purchase **Bugle** (**War Front**) will make her second start here after rallying to get up for second going a mile on debut over the Churchill sod Nov. 9. The Graham Motion trained **Giant Crystal** (**Giant's Causeway**) will also be making her second start after finishing third going seven panels at Belmont Sept. 26. The half-sister to GI Wood Memorial S. winner Gemologist (Tiznow) was scooped up by Live Oak Plantation for \$450,000 as a weanling at the Keeneland November Sale. Giant Crystal will be running with first-time Lasix.

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-HAW, \$22,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. CREWMAN (g, 3, **Candy Ride {Arg}**)--**Lake Naivasha, by Empire Maker** was second going a mile at Churchill last November first out and was claimed off of WinStar Farm and trainer Shannon Ritter for \$50,000. Second trying this venue's turf course against \$25,000 taggers Oct. 31, she then filled the runner-up spot again in a maiden special here Nov. 19. The public's pick at 1-2, Crewman pressed the pace shortly after the start and drew on even terms with the leader midway down the backstretch. Crewman took a slight advantage heading into the turn and extended his winning margin in the stretch to finish 3 1/4 lengths clear of Red Warrior (Spring At Last). Unraced dam Lake Naivasha is out of GISW Serra Lake (Seattle Slew). Sales history: \$410,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$23,720. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Dundalk 5 LLC & Sean Kindlon. B-Emory A Hamilton (KY). T-Dee Poulos.



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**Oaklawn Waiving General Admission Fees for 2015:**

Oaklawn Park will waive its \$2 general admission fee for its 2015 Thoroughbred racing season, which begins Jan. 9, Oaklawn Jockey Club President Charles Cella announced yesterday. Cella said. The fee was removed as a celebration of the completion of an 18-month expansion project and a way to express appreciation to the fans.

"Trying to operate while doing major construction is never easy and always a challenge," Cella said. "Our fans and our horsemen have shown great patience and support during this period. We wanted to do something to express our appreciation, and we felt this gesture would be a good way to simply and sincerely say, 'thank you.'"

INDUSTRY INFO**Mulvihill Elected Turf Publicists President:**

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association's Jim Mulvihill has been elected president of the Turf Publicists of America for 2015 and 2016, it was announced yesterday. Mulvihill previously served as vice president for 2013-14. The new 2015-16 vice presidents are NTRA's Joe Bacigalupo, who is serving his first term, and Sophia McKee of Emerald Downs, who will be serving her second term. The newly elected trio will join current vice presidents Jennifer Hoyt of Oaklawn Park, Rhonda Norby of Equibase and publicist Lynne Snierson, as well as secretary-treasurer Dave Zenner of Arlington Park, each of whom were elected to two-year terms in 2014.

NTRA Racetrack Risk Program Increases Safety:*Edited Press Release*

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association and Lockton Insurance Brokers opened the gates on the NTRA's new risk management and employee benefits insurance program yesterday at the Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming in Tucson, Arizona. The NTRA's new insurance program will help racetracks and racinos identify and reduce hidden risks in their existing insurance protection, driving costs down and increasing safety.

"This is a game-changer for the industry and will have a positive impact on the sport," said Jared Mitilier, leader of Lockton's Gaming, Entertainment, and Sports Practice. "This program is an all-inclusive service offering with innovations designed specifically for the horse racing industry. Racetracks and racinos turn to us as a one-stop shop for risk management and employee benefits."

The new NTRA insurance program offers tailored insurance products including: property and casualty, workers' compensation, promotion and events, jockey accident, group medical, dental, vision, life and accidental death and dismemberment, and voluntary benefits products.

Through this new program, Lockton also provides racing operators with services including insurance policy analysis, loss control and safety, and claims advocacy.

"Lockton has demonstrated considerable insight into the unique industry of horse racing that will help our members deal with the wide range of risks they face," said Bryan Pettigrew, Senior Vice President of NTRA Advantage, the NTRA's corporate partner sales and sponsorship subsidiary.

ROOKIES**First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 11**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

GRASSHOPPER (Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas, \$4K, 25/4/0
7-FG, Msw, 1m, Swingtime, 12-1
LINE OF DAVID (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 49/8/0
6-LRC, Msw, 6f, +Canadian Exchange, \$95K RNA FTF MAR 2yo, 6-1
MARCHFIELD (A.P. Indy), 47/5/0
3-PEN, Alw, 6f, Having a Hotflash, \$19K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-2
MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 104/25/3
4-FG, Aoc, 7 1/2ft, Ja Quellin, 15-1
QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 110/13/2
6-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Switheroad, 7-2
STREET MAGICIAN (Street Cry {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$3K, 38/5/2
2-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Magician's Vanity, 10-1
SUMMER BIRD (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 93/8/0
5-TP, Aoc, 1m, Goo Bird, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 68/12/0
7-FG, Msw, 1m, Tale of Beaucette, 9-2
TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 89/11/2
5-TP, Aoc, 1m, W B and Me, 15-1
TIZDEJAVU (Tiznow), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 51/6/0
5-TP, Aoc, 1m, U S Navy, \$19K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 104/13/1
4-FG, Aoc, 7 1/2ft, Traiteuse, \$85K FTK JUL yrl, 8-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Dec. 11

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

FORTY GRAMS (Distorted Humor), 13/2/0
6-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Chloe's White Soxs, \$25K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

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Assagher, c, 2, Giant's Causeway. See "Britain."

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+ **Conquistadorkitten, c, 2, Kitten's Joy.** See "France."

+ **Eye Candy Kitten, f, 2, Kitten's Joy.** See "France."



IN HONG KONG:

Harbour Master, g, 4, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Geographic, by Empire Maker. Happy Valley, 12-10, Hcp. (\$194k), 1800mT, 1:48.66. B-Millsec Ltd (KY). *Formerly Market Town.



Yesterday's Result:

4th-KMP, £5,000, Mdn, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.19, ft. **ASSAGHER** (c, 2, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Imagine {Ire} {Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 11-14f, G1SW-Eng & Ire, \$528,980}, by Sadler's Wells), a son of the 2001 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Epsom Oaks victress who ran sixth going an extended mile at Wolverhampton last time Nov. 22, improved from an initial fourth to race in second after the early stages of this one. Pushed along approaching the final quarter mile, the 4-1 chance led entering the final eighth and was ridden clear to score by three lengths from Cloud Seven (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). The \$200,000 KEESEP yearling is a full to Viscount Nelson, GSW-UAE, MSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng, \$707,972; and a half to Horatio Nelson (Ire) (Danehill), G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Ire, \$488,659; Kitty Matcham (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$113,722; and Red Rock Canyon (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), MG1SP-Ire, \$401,271. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £3,538. [VIDEO](#), [courtesy Racing UK](#).

O-HRH Prince Faisal bin Khaled. B-Barronstown Stud (KY). T-John Gosden.



Yesterday's Results:

1st-LYO, €16,000, Mdn, 2yo, f, 9f (AWT), 1:54.70, ft. + **EYE CANDY KITTEN** (f, 2, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Missy Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat) was allowed off at odds of just under 20-1 and broke well to race prominently before settling in second going down the back straight. Maintaining a stalking role until pushed along to lead in early stretch, the homebred bay came under vigorous urging inside the final eighth to hold the late thrust of Gold Coast (Fr) (Tamayuz {GB}) by a head. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#).

O/B-Ken & Sarah Ramsey (KY). T-Gianluca Bietolini.

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3rd-LYO, €16,000, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 9f (AWT), 1:53.03, ft.

+ **CONQUISTADORKITTEN** (c, 2, [Kitten's Joy](#)--La Coruna, by Thunder Gulch), a full-brother to Spooky Kitten, MSP, \$225,298, raced in mid-division after the initial exchanges of this debut and crept closer after halfway. Stoked up on the home turn, the 51-10 second favorite ran on strongly in the straight and was geared down once asserting inside the final furlong to easily best Alessio (Fr) (Literato {Fr}) by two lengths. A yearling full-brother to Conquistadorkitten fetched £390,000 from Nawara Stud Company at this year's Tattersalls October sale. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#). O/B-Ken & Sarah Ramsey (KY). T-Gianluca Bietolini.



Yesterday's Result:

2nd-DUN, €12,500, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:41.60, ft.

SHANNON SOUL (IRE) (c, 2, [Shamardal](#)--Paimpolaise {Ire}, by Priolo), a debut fourth going seven panels here Nov. 26, soon led in this return. Holding sway throughout, the 8-11 chalk was nudged along off the home turn and kept on resolutely under a final-furlong drive to outlast Solomon Northup (Scat Daddy) by a head. The winner is a full to Shakespearean (Ire), MGSW-Eng, \$1,640,029. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €9,125. [VIDEO](#), [courtesy attheraces.com](#). O/B-M J Enright (Ire). T-Michael Halford.

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8th-AQU, \$75,000, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), C, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, sy.

DOUBLEDOWN AGAIN (g, 4, [Rockport Harbor](#)--Silver Star, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: 26-6-6-4, \$230,213. O-JW Singer LLC. B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY). T-Michelle Nevin. *\$40,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

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6th-AQU, \$59,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2\$X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44 4/5, sy.

JOE MOOCH (g, 4, **Wild Desert--Touchy Broad**, by **Touch Gold**) Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-5, \$194,423. O-Vaccaro Racing Stable. B-Parker Lightfield Farm LLC (NY). T-Linda Rice. *\$7,000 RNA yrl '11 FTNAUG.

8th-LRL, \$50,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), C, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, my.

SMASH AND GRAB (g, 4, **Sharp Humor--Laplumas**, by **Posse**) Lifetime Record: SW, 32-11-5-3, \$353,090. O-Ronald E Cuneo. B-Highclere (KY). T-Damon R Dilodovico. *\$10,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT.

7th-LRL, \$42,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, my.

NEGRITO (g, 3, **Wildcat Heir--White Ruffle {MSP}**, by **Vigors**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-3, \$82,720. O-Germania Farms Inc. B-Jacarie Farm (FL). T-Timothy J Tullock Jr. *\$20,000 RNA yrl '12 OBSJAN. **1/2 to Gun Boat (Congrats), GSP, \$111,600.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Slam Chowder**, f, 2, **Grand Slam**--Kid Soup, by Alphabet Soup. AQU, 12-10, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Michael Spielman (NY). *\$15,000 wlng '12 FTNOCT; \$15,000 RNA yrl '13 FTNAUG. **Won by 8 3/4 lengths.

No Texting, c, 2, **Stormy Atlantic**--My Dinah (MSW, \$450,391), by Victory Gallop. AQU, 12-10, (S), (C), 1m70y, 1:45 3/5. B-Akindale Farm LLC (NY). *\$57,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG.

Admirals War Chest, g, 3, **Elusive Charlie**--Cut a Check (SP), by Polish Numbers. LRL, 12-10, 1m, 1:39. B-Dr Stephen Sinatra (MD). *Raced without Lasix.



Majestic Guy, g, 3, **Majestic Warrior**--Vodka Gal, by Street Cry (Ire). AQU, 12-10, (S), (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5. B-John Lauriello (NY). *\$47,000 RNA yrl '12 FTNAUG.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Gold Flash** (GB), g, 2, **Kheylef**--My Golly (GB), by Mozart (Ire). KMP, 12-10, 6f (AWT), 1:14.16. B-C R Cawston Ltd (GB). *60,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. **1/2 to Hallelujah (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$129,136.

Priors Brook (GB), g, 3, **Champs Elysees** (GB)--Dyanita (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). LIN, 12-10, 10f (AWT), 2:06.29. B-Mrs L Alexander (GB).

Sighora (Ire), f, 3, **Royal Applause** (GB)--Singitta (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). KMP, 12-10, 8f (AWT), 1:38.29. B-Patrick A Cassidy (Ire). *42,000gns wlng '11 TATDEC; 95,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. **1/2 to Singeur (Ire) (Chineur {Fr}), SP-Eng, \$152,844.

+ **Vitaly Important** (Ire), c, 4, **Pivotal** (GB)--Kirkinola (GB) (SW-Fr, \$101,564), by Selkirk. DUN, 12-10, 8f (AWT), 1:39. B-Yeguada de Milagro SA (Ire). *€40,000 yrl '11 ARQAUG.

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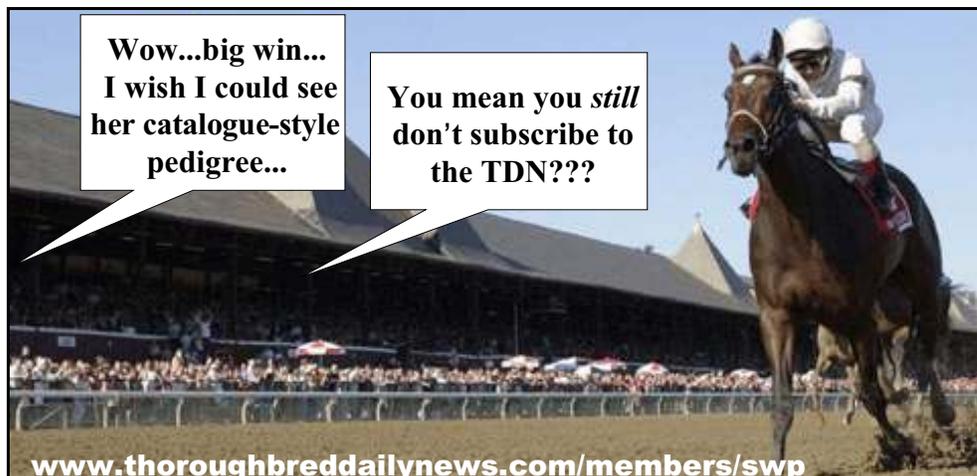
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